



INTRODUCTION: In II Timothy 1:6, the phrase *Stir up* is from the Greek word *anazopureo* (*αναξωπυρω*, an-ad-zo-poor-eh'-o) meaning "to rekindle." "The gift of God" refers to the grace received for his ministerial office, either at his original ordination or at his consecration to the superintendency of the Ephesian church; imparting power, love, and a sound mind (II Timothy 1:7).

I Peter 4:10, "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

I. THE SPIRIT OF POWER (II TIMOTHY 1:7)

A. POWER FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. The Holy Spirit resides in every born again Christian.

John 3:6, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."

Romans 8:8-9, "8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."

2. The Holy Spirit imparts grace and strength to a yielded Christian.

Luke 24:49, "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high."

Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

I Corinthians 15:10, "But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me."

B. POWER FOR EVERY BURDEN

1. Power For Witnessing

I Thessalonians 1:5, "For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake."

2. Power when persecuted

Colossians 1:10-11, "10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;"

Romans 8:26, "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."

II. THE SPIRIT OF LOVE (II TIMOTHY 2:7)

A. WE MUST HAVE A LOVE FOR GOD

1. We respond to His love

I John 4:19, "We love him, because he first loved us."

2. We reflect the spirit of His love

I John 4:18, "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love."

B. WE MUST HAVE A LOVE FOR OTHERS

Galatians 5:22, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,"

Galatians 5:25, "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."

III. THE SPIRIT OF A SOUND MIND (II TIMOTHY 2:7)

A. THROUGH SALVATION (II TIMOTHY 1:9)

1. Salvation is available through Jesus Christ.

Titus 3:4-7, "4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, 5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; 7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

2. Salvation allows us the ability to understand spiritual things.

I Cor 2:14, "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

B. THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES

1. The Scriptures give wisdom (II Timothy 3:15).

Proverbs 1:7, "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction."

2. The Scriptures produce a sound mind (II Timothy 3:16-17).

C. THROUGH THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST (I THES 4:13-18)